

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the continued thorough examination of the present application in the final Official Action of June 9, 2009. Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-28 and 43-50 are allowed, and that Claims 31, 33-35, 38 and 40-42 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In order to advance the present application to allowance, the objected to claims have been rewritten in independent form as follows: the recitations of Claim 29 have been incorporated into dependent Claims 31 and 33-35 to place these claims in condition for allowance, and Claim 29 has been canceled. Moreover, Claims 30, 32, 51 and 52 have been amended to depend from Claim 31. The recitations of Claim 36 have been incorporated into Claims 38 and 40-42 to place these claims in condition for allowance, and Claim 36 has been canceled. Moreover Claims 37, 39, 53 and 54 have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 38. Accordingly, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Applicant also wishes to note that Claims 29 and 36 have been canceled without waiver, prejudice or disclaimer in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, and Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application for these claims and/or any other subject matter described in the present application.

Interview Summary Pursuant to MPEP §713.04

On June 29, 2009, the undersigned contacted Examiner John J. Lee by telephone to discuss inconsistencies in the final Official Action. Applicant appreciates the courtesies that were extended by Examiner John J. Lee to the undersigned during the telephone interview.

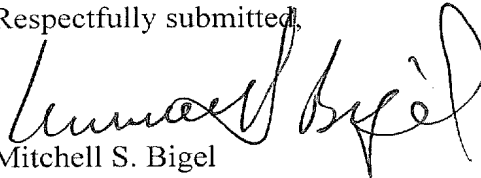
During the interview, the undersigned pointed out that the "Response to Arguments/Amendment" section at pages 2-4 of the final Official Action is inconsistent with the "Office Action Summary" and the indicated "Disposition of Claims" therein and is also inconsistent with the claim rejections at pages 5-10 of the final Official Action and the "Allowable Subject Matter" section at pages 10-11 of the final Official Action. The Examiner agreed and indicated to the undersigned that the "Response to Arguments/Amendment" section at pages 2-4 of the final Official Action was inserted in error and should be disregarded. The above constitutes a complete summary of the telephone interview conducted between the Examiner and the Applicant's representative pursuant to MPEP §713.04.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,



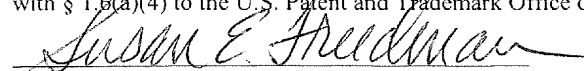
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